

[8th August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

Development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

1830. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to take the work of widening and development of National Highways in the State at an early date; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of National Highways is a continuous process. Proposals for widening and development of National Highways in the State totaling to a cost of Rs. 85.00 crore have been included in the Annual Plan 2000-01. In addition, widening and development of National Highways No. 5 and 7 is also being done by National Highways Authority of India in phased manner under the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) entrusted to them.

Extension of Golden Quadrilateral to Kerala

1831. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation to extend Golden Quadrilateral to Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will extend the Golden Quadrilateral to connect the main parts in the western coast like Cochin, Mangalore and Goa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) There have been a number of representation for extending the Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) to Kerala.

(c) and (d) Presumably, the Honourable Member is referring to extend the GQ to connect the main ports in the western coast. The National Highway Development Project (NHDP) consists of GQ connecting four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai and Mumbai, North-South corridor connecting

Srinagar to Kanayakumari with Cochin-Salera spur and East-West corridor connecting Silchar to Saurashtra. The alignment of the NHDP has been decided by Government keeping in view the traffic density, length of highways, area and population to be served. NHDP alignment does not run along the west coast. However, Government has decided to provide connectivity to all major ports with the existing National Highway network/NHDP. Such connectivity, which will be provided in the form of four/six lane road in a length of approximately 1000 km, intends to serve the coastal region.

National Highways in Bihar

† 1832. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways in Bihar as on 30th June, 2000; and

(b) the steps being taken for repair, maintenance, widening and development of National Highways passing through Bihar together with the total amount spent thereon during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The total length of National Highways in Bihar as on 30th June, 2000 is 3539 kms.

(b) The development and maintenance of the National Highway is a continuous process. Several work for development and maintenance of National Highways in Bihar are presently in progress. A list of the development works each costing more than Rs. 5 crore presently in progress is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See below*).

The amount allocated for development and maintenance during the previous three financial years are as follows:

Financial Year	Development works (Rs. in Crore)	Maintenance works (Rs. in crore)
1999-2000	118.09	119.08
1998-1999	81.05	33.37
1997-1998	63.42	34.10

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.